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SUBJ: GOC SPOKESMAN RESPONDS TO TOMIC CALL FOR
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1. SUMMARY. GOC SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY BRUSHED ASIDE TOMIC STATEMENT TO COLOMBIAN PERIODICAL AS "POLITICKING REJECTED BY GREAT MAJORITY OF CHILEANS". BUT WHILE WILLOUGHBY BOASTS THAT LEADERS OF PDC MAINTAIN PUBLIC CONTACT WITH GOC AND MANY EXTEND PATRIOTIC COLLABORATION, RIGHT-WING JUNTA ADVISOR ALVARO PUGA COMPLAINS PDC VIOLATING "RECESS" AND SUGGESTS GOC ACTION AGAINST PDC. END SUMMARY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO TOMIC CALL FOR PDC, MILITARY AND MARXIST CO-ALITION AS NEXT STEP IN CHILE, GOC SPOKESMAN FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY QUOTED IN PRESS JUNE 19 TO EFFECT GREAT MAJORITY OF CHILEANS REJECT THIS RETURN TO "MAGIC POLITICAL FORMULAS, SECRET PACTS AND TACTICS OF POLITICKING WHICH WERE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR CRISIS WHICH RESULTED IN MARXIST REGIME OF ALLENDE. SUCH STATEMENTS APPEAR ABROAD BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO ECHO IN CHILE, AS DEMOGOGUERY NOW HAS NO PLACE IN NEW SPIRIT OF CHILEANS."

3. WILLOUGHBY WENT ON TO SAY THAT LEADERS OF "POLITICAL ENTITY" TO WHICH TOMIC HAS BELONGED MAINTAIN PUBLIC AND RECOGNIZED
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CONTACTS WITH GOC AND MANY COLLABORATE PATRIOTICALLY IN VARIOUS

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POSITIONS.

4. REGULAR COMMENTATOR ON CONSERVATIVE RADIO AGRICULTURA MORNING JUNE 19, ANONYMOUS BUT EASILY RECOGNIZABLE AS FAR-RIGHT JUNTA ADVISOR ALVARO PUGA, SAID THAT TOMIC REPRESENTS NOTHING, AND THAT HIS "DEAL WITH ALLENDE" BEFORE 1970 ELECTION RUINED CHANCE FOR ALESSANDRI VICTORY. PUGA CITED TOMIC CALL FOR DISCIPLINING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WORKING IN GOC AS EVIDENCE PDC CONTINUES TO OPERATE AS POLITICAL PARTY DESPITE RECESS. HE CALLED FOR GOC TO STOP SUCH VIOLATIONS OF RECESS ORDER.

5. COMMENT. AS NOTED REFTEL, PRINCIPAL EFFECT OF TOMIC STATEMENT WILL BE TO COMPLICATE LIFE FOR PDC. DIFFERENCE IN APPROACH TO PDC BETWEEN WILLOUGHBY AND PUGA, HOWEVER, REFLECTS SERIOUS CONFLICT OF OPINION AMONG GOC LEADERS AND ADVISORS ON RELATIONS WITH PDC. "OFFICIAL" LINE OF JUNTA CURRENTLY IS TO MAINTAIN RELATIVELY OPEN CONTACT WITH MAIN-STREAM PDC LEADERSHIP, WELCOME INPUT BY INDIVIDUAL PDC MEMBERS IF NOT TOO OPENLY CONTROLLED BY PARTY, AND OVERLOOK VIOLATIONS OF LETTER IF NOT SPIRIT OF RECESS ORDER. POLITICAL RIGHT WITHIN GOC, REPRESENTED BY CERTAIN GREMIALISTAS (PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS) AND FORMER NATIONAL PARTY MEMBERS, SUPPORTS PUGA LINE OF ATTACK ON PDC IN EFFORT PUT PDC OUT OF BUSINESS.
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